

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Natural Resource Commission  
Regular Meeting  
May 8, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 6:18 p.m. by John Keshick III, Chairman;

Roll Call: John Keshick III, Chairman; Vice-Chairman, Renee Dillard; Commissioner, Gerald V. Chingwa; and Commissioner, William R. Ortiz.

Absent: Treasurer, Frederick Holdorph;

NRD Staff: Director, Douglas Craven; Great Lakes Program Manager, Kevin Donner; Inland Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Max Field; Conservation Officer, Matthew Robertson; Treaty Rights Enhancement Specialist, Daniel Hinmon; and Office Coordinator, Debra Smithkey-Browne;

Absent: Inland Wildlife Biologist, Archie Kiogima Jr. Chief Conservation Officer, Kevin Willis; Inland Fisheries Biologist, William Parsons; Environmental Services Manager, Daugherty Johnson; Great Lakes Specialist, Caroline Moellering;

Guest: James Bransky, LTBB Tribal Attorney; Rose Pyant, Human Resources Generalist;

Open Ceremony – Renee Dillard

Public Comment opened 6:20 p.m. – Rose spoke regarding Daniel Hinmon doing a good job at the position of Treaty Rights Enhancement Program;  
Public Comment closed at 6:22 p.m.

NRC reviewed the Agenda

**Motion made by Renee Dillard, Vice-Chairman; to approve the agenda as presented; William Ortiz, Commissioner; supports.**

**4 Yes    0 No    1 Absent (Holdorph)    0 Abstained    0 Vacant**

**Motion Carried**

YCC Presentation – Daniel Hinmon, Treaty Rights Enhancement, there were no youth or parents present for the meeting.

6:34 p.m. Rose Pyant departs meeting;

NRC reviewed the minutes of April 27, 2019

**Motion made by William Ortiz, Commissioner; to approve the minutes of April 27, 2019 as corrected; Gerald Chingwa; supports.**

**4 Yes    0 No    1 Absent (Holdorph)    0 Abstained    0 Vacant**

**Motion Carried**

## **Natural Resource Department Director's Report – Douglas Craven, Director**

- Annual Community Meeting update
  - 31 Hunting Fishing Licenses were issued
- Eagle Feathers with the Federal Government;
- Tree removal on LTBB Government site
  - Ready to bid out the work
  - LTBB will get paid for the trees that are removed
  - Most of the wood will be used as pulp
  - Where the trees are the highest density of pines
  - There will be some buffer left at the roadway, but the trees around the circle will be gone
- Camping
  - Putting in 3 campsites at the Cross Village property this year
  - Air B & B could rent the sites
  - Wilderness Property will also be under this direction
- Wycamp property
  - Working on a parking area
  - RPI funding increase this year
    - Additional \$50,000 for LTBB
- Annual Harvest Report is running late
  - Due to Government shut downs
  - LTBB Ransomware threat
- Eagle Feathers with the Federal Government
  - Eagle aviary
    - Wings of wonder Rebecca retiring and when she does there will be no rehabilitation for birds in our area;
    - LTBB would like to put in a grant to design, and hire a handler;
  - USFWS changed the Eagle Repository
    - Tribal member or government employees will contact the USFWS to investigate that it was not gotten illegally;
    - Then the feather/bird would become a part of the LTBB Repository;
      - LTBB would complete an investigation and report to the USFWS;
    - The USFWS did change the are from Ceded Territory to Reservation only;
    - LTBB and USFWS did not have consultation for these changes to be implemented;
  - LTBB will be requesting comments on the religious aspects claiming to keep eagle feathers;

**Motion made by Renee Dillard, Vice-Chairman; to approve the Natural Resource Director's Verbal Report as presented by Douglas Craven, Director; supported by Gerald Chingwa, Commissioner.**

**4 Yes   0 No   1 Absent (Holdorph)   0 Abstained   0 Vacant**

**Motion Carried**

## **Inland Fish and Wildlife Managers Report – Maxwell Field, Inland Wildlife and Fish Biologist**

### **Inland Fisheries & Wildlife Program**

**Dates Covered: April 11, 2019 – April 25, 2019**

## **Meetings/Trainings/Ceremonies**

Northern Inland Lakes Citizens Fishery Advisory Committee meeting (NILCFAC)

- April 12, 2019

Islands Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Conference Call

- April 17, 2019

Piping Plover Spring meeting @ U of M Bio-station

- April 23, 2019

Conservation K9 meeting with DR Pat Ruz

- April 24, 2019

CORA Meeting – Petoskey CWD discussion

- April 25, 2019

## **Program Activities**

Fisher and Marten Research – camera checks

- April 11, 15 & 17, 2019

Walleye shocking on Cheboygan River – Collect walleye for gametes

- April 16, 2019

Birch Lake Walleye Assessment

- April 22-26, 2019

Raptor Research Carcass Camera re-bait Jureks with roadkill deer

- April 24, 2019

LTBB NRD Earth Day Tree Planting

- April 26, 2019

## **Consent Decree Deadlines**

Inland Wildlife and Plant Work Plan shared with 4 Tribes/MDNR

- April 1, 2019

Cannines

- Demonstration was held on the Cannines to locate scat;
  - The dog did locate scat that was hidden to see if it could find it and the dog did locate the scat that was placed there for it to find;

**Motion made by Renee Dillard, Vice-Chairman; to approve the Natural Resource Inland Fish and Wildlife Written and Verbal Report as presented by Maxwell Field, Inland Wildlife and Fish Biologist; supported by William Ortiz, Commissioner, Commissioner.**

**4 Yes   0 No   1 Absent (Holdorff)   0 Abstained   0 Vacant**  
**Motion Carried**

## **Natural Resource Conservation Law Enforcement Report – Timothy Mallory, Conservation Officer**

- Kevin Willis, Chief Conservation Officer is attending Tracker Training in MN;
- Wildlife forensics – determine the time of the animals death;
- Steelhead are in the creeks;
  - Up patrols because of complaints of throwing his spear from the bridge;
    - Turns out that the fisher was from SSM tribe
- Walleye permits were keeping CO's busy;
  - Reporting within the 7 days is being enforced this year;
  - Most permitted fisher are complying;

- Sturgeon Season
  - LTBB has 2 permits this year
  - One harvested last week the other one has not been going out yet;
  - Could the tag be given up for a tribal harvest;
- Commercial fishing is beginning for the year;
  - Commercial trap net was set to be verified and lifted;
- Last year the fisherman ordered safety equipment;
  - Must have a boat before he will be given the equipment;
  - LTBB does not have any regulations that states he has to have his own boat, just access to a boat;

**Motion made by Gerald Chingwa, Commissioner; to approve the Natural Resource Conservation Law Enforcement Verbal Report as presented by Timothy Mallory, Conservation Officer; supported by William Ortiz, Commissioner.**

**4 Yes   0 No   1 Absent (Holdorph)   0 Abstained   0 Vacant**  
**Motion Carried**

**Break 7:52 p.m.**

**Reconvened at 8:01 p.m.**

**Natural Resource Great Lakes Fishery Report – Kevin Donner**

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Daniel Hinmon departs meeting at 8:13 p.m.

**Motion made by Renee Dillard, Vice-Chairman; to approve the Natural Resource Great Lakes Fishery Verbal Report as presented by Kevin Donner, Great Lakes Fishery Biologist; supported by Gerald Chingwa, Commissioner.**

**4 Yes   0 No   1 Absent (Holdorph)   0 Abstained   0 Vacant**  
**Motion Carried**

**Natural Resource Environmental Services Report – Written Report submitted by Daugherty Johnson III, Environmental Services Manager;**

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**Motion made by; William Ortiz, Commissioner; to approve the Natural Resource Environmental Services Written Report submitted by Daugherty Johnson III, Environmental Services Manager; supported by Gerald Chingwa, Commissioner.**

**4 Yes   0 No   1 Absent (Holdorph)   0 Abstained   0 Vacant**  
**Motion Carried**

**Commissioner's Report – Commissioners**

- Fish up to Dustin, Big Ray did not want to take his fish;
  - John, Lewis and Timothy are welcome to bring fish over anytime because these fishermen were loyal;
- Lake Trout with no bag limit for Lake MI;
- No whitefish currently coming in the market;

- Fishermen talking about when to sell Lake Trout so that the prices do not go down;

**Motion made by William Ortiz, Commissioner; to approve the Natural Resource Commission verbal report as presented by commissioners; supported by Gerald Chingwa, Commissioner.**

**4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Holdorph) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**

**Motion Carried**

**Motion made by Renee Dillard, Vice-Chairman; to approve the commissioner attendance at the 2020 Tribal Talks Meeting with meeting date to be determined to be held at GTB Turtle Creek and receive mileage, lodging, per diem and stipend; supported by William Ortiz, Commissioner.**

**4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Holdorph) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**

**Motion Carried**

Discussion was held on the Jordan River, presented by Maxwell Field;

- Requesting a letter of support to renew native species of fish;
- Friends of the Jordan River Watershed;
  - Letters for support on 8 different topics
  - If the tribe would support on all 8 topics or just a few of the topics;
  - Referred to NRD Director and LTBB Legal to draft a letter of support;

Discussion was held on the CORA Annual Report for review.

Discussion and review were held on the revised Black Lake Sturgeon Stipulation.

- Suggested that 5 years after all parties have signed onto the Stipulation to include being signed by the judge;
- More fish allocation in the future, would be able to fish in the river;
- Opens up the entire river for harvest;
- Place on the next CORA agenda for discussion;

Discussion was held on the State Commercial Fishermen wanting to increase their harvest of white fish in WSF-05;

**Motion made by Renee Dillard, Vice-Chairman; to enter into Executive Session for 2020 Tribal Talks at 9:12 p.m.; supported by William Ortiz, Commissioner.**

**4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Holdorph) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**

**Motion Carried**

**Motion made by Renee Dillard, Vice-Chairman; to return to open session at 9:28 p.m.; supported by William Ortiz, Commissioner.**

**4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Holdorph) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**

**Motion Carried**

9:15 p.m. Maxwell Field departs meeting;

Public comment at 9:31 PM

Public comment closed at 9:32 PM

**Motion made by William Ortiz, Commissioner; to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 p.m.; supported by Gerald Chingwa, Commissioner.**

**4 Yes   0 No   1 Absent (Holdorph)   0 Abstained   0 Vacant  
Motion Carried**

Next scheduled meeting will be held on May 22, 2019

Approved:

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Renee Dillard, Vice-Chairman

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